

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Pete Claussen to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(a), provides for the creation of the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b), provides that the Governor shall appoint eleven members to the board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Pete Claussen as a member of the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board for a term that expires on October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Pete Claussen is Chairman of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., which operates five short line railroads; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure with Gulf & Ohio Railways, Inc., Mr. Claussen held leadership positions with the Tennessee Valley Authority and the 1982 World's Fair, which he served as Vice President and Legal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claussen served as Chairman of the Board of the National Museum of American History from 2003-2005 and also served on the Smithsonian National Board as Co-Chairman of the Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is currently serving as Chair of the Knoxville Zoo and as a board member of the Legacy Parks Foundation, the Museum of Appalachia, and the Alliance for Better Non-Profits; and

WHEREAS, Pete Claussen is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b)(2), provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board shall be subject to confirmation by each house of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Pete Claussen to the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Board for a term to expire on October 31, 2025.